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Sen. Gilbert honors Marysville H.S. volleyball state champs

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LANSING – Sen. Jud Gilbert presented the Marysville High School Volleyball Team with a special tribute on the Senate floor Wednesday in honor of their winning the state championship for the eighth consecutive year.

The Class B team also was honored for being recognized as National Academic Award and State of Michigan Academic Award winners.

"It's a pleasure for me to honor these young women today," said Gilbert, R-Algonac. "Their dedication on and off the court shows a great commitment to their school and themselves. I congratulate them on their continuing successes and hope to see them here again next year."

The 2003-2004 season continues a run of accumulating a 98 percent winning percentage and recording an average of less than one game loss per year over the past eight years. Their eight consecutive state championships set state records for consecutive state championships not only in Class B, but also for any class competition in high-school volleyball. The Vikings' eight state titles also is a state record for most recorded titles in Class B.

Further, the Marysville High School volleyball team continues a historic run of 16 consecutive district championships, 15 consecutive regional championships, 16 consecutive elite eight appearances and reaching the level of state semi-finalist 12 out of the past 13 years.

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Pictures of Sen. Gilbert presenting the tribute to the Marysville High School volleyball team are available on the Senate Majority Photowire at www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/